

Development of a Reserves Investment Strategy

Purpose of briefing

- Share the Reserves Investment Strategy work to date and key concepts including gap analysis and framework for decision-making
- Receive feedback and answer questions ahead of the Communities, Culture and Partnership Committee meeting in September where a list of projects for inclusion in the LTP will be proposed
- If supported by the Committee, these will be included in LTP budgets in October, from approval from the AP/LTP Committee

Date	Milestone
March 2023	Communities Culture and Partnership Committee provided early guidance on a Reserves Investment Strategy
March-Nov 2023	Draft RI Strategy developed with internal consultation, consideration of existing strategies, data and insights and early conversation with stakeholders
August 16 2023	Elected members briefing on strategy development
September 2023	Paper to Communities Culture and Partnership Committee updating on strategy and proposing projects for LTP 24
October 2023	AP/LTP Sub-committee considers LTP budgets including proposed projects supported by CCP Committee
November 2023	Draft RI Strategy comes to Communities Culture and Partnership Committee for approval for consultation as part of LTP 24 (opportunity for projects list to be changed to align if needed)

Key points from March briefing

- The significant opportunity due to the size of the Reserves Purchase and Development Fund (the RP&DF fund);
- The criteria for projects which could be funded – providing appropriate amenity in response to growth or forecasted growth;
- The rapid increase in medium-density developments across the city, and the increased need for reserve land and amenities in some areas which was not planned for when current work programmes were developed;
- The future open space need in relation to the planned increase in housing in the central city;
- The need to invest strategically given the existing challenges around the affordability of built and green assets.



HCC LTP 2021-31

Neighbourhoods and Communities
Approach 2021

Development and Financial
Contributions Policy 2021-2031

NZRA Parks Categories Framework, New
Zealand Recreation Association, 2016

Open Space Provision Policy, Auckland
City Council, 2016

Parks and Reserves Asset Management
Plan, Hutt City Council, 2020 & 2023

Yardstick Data, Xyst (2022)

Public Open Space Planning in Australia

Developer Contributions to Open Space,
Parks and Leisure Australia, 2019

HCC Parks and Reserves Review of Valley
Floor Suburbs, PAOS, 2015

Rehia me nga wahi watea, Parks and
Open Spaces Strategy 2021-2051,
Matamata-Piako District Council, 2021

HCC Reserves Strategic Directions 2016-
2026



Today we are sharing

- Where we are right now (slide 7 & 8)
- Property and land use overview (attached doc)
- Challenges we are facing (attached doc)
- Park and Open Space Framework (slide 9 and in attached doc)
- Gap and Need Analysis (attached doc)
- Focus outcomes (Slide 12 and attached doc)



Where we are right now

Hutt City currently has an estimated 2,918 hectares of public parks and open space. Of these 2,918 hectares, about 373 ha are actively maintained reserves.

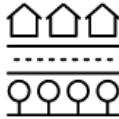
Broken down into categories, the following provision exists in Hutt City:

1. 1.2 ha of civic space provision
2. 63.6 ha of cultural heritage provision
3. 18.7 ha of destination park provision
4. 2,3660 ha of nature provision
5. 221.6 ha of neighbourhood provision
6. 57.8 ha of recreation and ecological linkage provision
7. 125.7 ha of sports park provision
8. 102.2 ha of suburb provision





88 Neighbourhood Reserves



24 Suburb Reserves



14 Sports Reserves



3 Destination Reserves



96 Nature Reserves



40 Recreation and Ecological Linkages



13 Civic Spaces



3 Cultural Heritage Reserves



Overview of Provision Framework

1. Provision Hierarchy – that allows parks and open spaces to be categorised based on their purpose, size, location, and access.
2. Access – outlines how residents would typically access the park, reserve, or open space, normally categorised by time, distance, and mode of transport, which underpins raising levels of equity.
3. Population-ratio/Catchment Size – refers to the ideal number of residents the space serves, based on its purpose, size, and intended access. Often the level of provision is in relation to the level of population (ratio) – typically per 1000 population.
4. Size/Area Percentage – a specified value of land to be reserved for open space.
5. General Design Characteristics – what makes a space fit for purpose, or what are the key design characteristics needed in a space of that size and purpose for it to be effective. These often reflect a Council’s investment approach or Levels of Service statements and are built around the high-level concepts of development of green infrastructure (e.g., canopy cover, use of the public realm for nature and recreation).

Land Purchase Fund

- Land Purchase Fund proposed to acquire land for reserve purposes
- Acquisition of land for reserve purposes requires Council to respond to opportunities in the property market i.e Council as a property investor
- The per hectare provision of actively maintained reserve land in Hutt City is below the median for TAs in New Zealand, according to Yardstick benchmarking tool.
- \$10M, which may need to increase as land value increases.
- We need to be cooperating with Kainga Ora and Urban Plus around their planned developments

Proposed projects

September paper will propose a set of additional projects over a 10-year period totalling \$25M for inclusion in the draft LTP 2024:

- Existing projects either included in the current LTP or planned for inclusion
- Existing Council documents are the source of most items on the draft proposed projects list
- Projects where an area of growth and a need or gap has been identified

The projects have been arranged under four focus outcomes

Focus outcomes



Spaces for recreation that inspire play



Spaces that prioritise nature



Spaces that supports community



Spaces that create connection

